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Art Unit: 3679

For: High Strength Detachable
Cylinder-To-Plate Joint for Tables,
Furniture and other Static Structures

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above referenced matter is Applicant's Amendment in Response to the Office Action mailed 9/29/2004.

In the Office Action dated 09/29/2004, Claims 1, 2 & 16, all the claims remaining in the application, were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gagne, US Patent # 1,342,951. Prior art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon include Schwarzbich, US Patent 6,585,447; Reynolds, US Patent # 5,956,917; and Collins, US Patent # 5,772,356.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant requests that claim 1 be amended as specified by the examiner as follows:

1. A high strength detachable cylinder-to-plate joint comprising:
a base plate;
a connecting disk having an exterior threaded surface and [one] two or more holes within the radial body of the disk extending completely through the radial body for receiving attachment means for attaching the disk to the plate;
a cylinder having an annular end; and
a threaded connection in the interior of the annular end for detachably attaching the cylinder to the connecting disk wherein the attachment means are interiorly received by the cylinder.